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1. AMBASSADOR ASKS IF YOU WILL CHECK ON WHAT IS EXPECTED OF HIM AT SMITHSONIAN SESSION MAY 19 AND TO PREPARE TALKING POINTS AS APPROPRIATE.

2. REGARDING LAURA KENNEDY (STATE 122311), WE ARE NOT ABLE TO CONTACT ALL THE INVOLVED PARTIES TODAY, BUT THERE APPEARS TO BE SOME MISUNDERSTANDING. A FEW DAYS AGO JOHN FEENEY APPROACHED BENSON TO ASK IF THERE WAS A POSITION FOR LAURA IN P&C. HE PRESUMABLY HAD IN MIND IN 1979, BUT BENSON UNDERSTOOD INCORRECTLY THAT SHE HAD NO JOB WHEN SHE FINISHED HER EXHIBIT STINT. (SHE IS, OF COURSE, SLATED TO RETURN TO GSO UNTIL THE SUMMER OF 1979.) BENSON MENTIONED IN LETTER TO SCANLAN THAT LAURA LOOKING FOR JOB, AND DEMITS SUGGESTED TO BENSON THAT SHE MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE AS REPLACEMENT FOR PAUL SMITH, AS BENSON'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER. (ICA HAS NOT YET FOUND REPLACEMENT FOR SMITH.) WE WILL CHECK INTO THIS EARLY NEXT WEEK. LAURA SEEMS QUALIFIED FOR THE P&C EXECUTIVE OFFICER JOB, BUT SHIFTING HER

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THERE THIS YEAR WOULD REQUIRE A REPLACEMENT IN GSO, TO WHICH SHE IS EXPECTED TO RETURN BEFORE FEENEY LEAVES FOR HIS EXHIBIT TOUR. TOON

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